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25 June 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: SB/C

SUBJECT : Yuriy BACHA [ ]

1. Yuriy BACHA of Presov, CSSR, arrived in the United States on 20 June 1969 under the auspices of an exchange agreement between Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., and the University of Presov, CSR, where BACHA is a docent of Slavistics. BACHA will lecture and conduct a seminar at Rutgers, where he is expected to remain through July 1969, after which he will visit Chicago and Canada before returning to Czechoslovakia.

2. BACHA was born 13 May 1932 in Keckovce, CSR, of Ukrainian parents. He is married to fnu nee LUBIMOV and has two children. He is a member of the CP. BACHA studied in Presov and in Prague, and from 1959 to 1962 studied in Kiev. He writes for Ukrainian-language publications in Presov.

3. A project AERODYNAMIC Source had contact with BACHA in Frankfurt, Germany, in September 1968. Reportedly, BACHA also visited Paris from 7 to 10 October. In Frankfurt he told the Source that he was able to get assistance with visas (areas unspecified) from a friend in the STB, Josef PROKOPIČ, in Presov (DOB 1925, small build, dark-skinned, a Ruthenian by birth). According to the Source, BACHA has or had contacts in the STB. In addition to Source's meeting in Frankfurt with BACHA, the two have been in letter correspondence. The Source believes that BACHA may also be involved with the KGB in operations against Ukrainian emigres and against Ukrainian dissidents in the Soviet Union.

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4. In view of Project AERODYNAMIC's operational interest in BACHA, please advise this office should you obtain any information on him. There was no information on BACHA in RI or SB/C records as of 20 November 1968.

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